



# COPS Fact Sheet

Community Oriented Policing Services

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## COPS MORE '98

**C**OPS MORE '98 (Making Officer Redeployment Effective) is one of several grant programs developed by the U.S. Department of Justice under the 1994 Crime Act to increase the deployment of community policing officers to America's streets. This program, which is open to all qualified law enforcement agencies, is designed to expand the time available for community policing by current law enforcement officers.

These grants will be used to purchase technology and equipment and to hire support staff, including civilian personnel. This allows law enforcement agencies to redeploy officers so more of their time is spent pounding the pavement instead of pounding a typewriter.

### Funding Provisions

State, local, and other public law enforcement agencies are eligible for grants under COPS MORE '98. Applications were reviewed competitively. This program was extremely competitive; COPS received three times as many applications as could be funded.

Applicants were required to demonstrate how COPS MORE '98 funds will result in actual increases in the number of officers deployed in community policing.

Some examples of items that will be funded under COPS MORE '98 include mobile data computers, mapping software, computer aided dispatch systems, booking clerks, dispatchers, and other civilian positions.

Grants cover up to 75 percent of the total cost of the technology, equipment or civilian salaries for one year. Therefore, agencies receiving grants are required to provide a minimum 25 percent local cash match. Waivers of the local cash match requirement are granted only in cases of extreme local fiscal hardship. It may be possible, pending congressional appropriations, to renew grants for civilian hiring for two additional years.

COPS MORE '98 funds must not be used to replace funds that agencies otherwise would have devoted to technology, equipment or civilian hiring. In other words, any use of COPS MORE '98 funds must be in addition to, and not in lieu of, previous funding commitments for law enforcement. In addition, the applicants are required to include a plan for continuing the proposed activity after the COPS MORE '98 grant ends.

An award under COPS MORE '98 will not affect the eligibility of an agency for other COPS programs. Similarly, agencies receiving funding under other COPS programs were eligible to apply for COPS MORE '98 funds.

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